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FROM THE EDITOR'S CHAIR.

Judging by our post bag the September Gazette was a surprise to most and a welcome surprise at that.

Members and subscribers are mostly not really aware of the fact that the standard of the Gazettee is in their keeping and that it is up to them to forward the success of the paper by showing it to a poultry loving friend and getting him or her to become a subscriber.

Readers will be pleased to learn that we have been able to get in touch with a big brother, the "Poultry World" and that through the kindness of Mr. C. A. House, the Editor of "P. W." we shall from time to time be able to illustrate our Gazette with plates which he has so very kindly arranged to lend us for use in our paper.

Although the Poultry World is not obtainable from book-stalls out here, without first ordering same, it can be sent out direct from the publishers, post paid, for three annas per week and is well worth studying, containing articles by the famous Will Hooley and many other writers of note.

Mr. House, the editor, is himself a world wide travelled poultry expert probably known to many of us, and on behalf of our readers we thank him and the "Poultry World" for their great kindness in lending us the plates referred to.

All readers of the Gazette will now be in possession of schedules and entry forms for the All India Poultry Exhibition but for those desiring extra entry forms for themselves or other intending exhibitors they should apply either to Mr. W. E. J. Yule at 2 Fancy Lane, Calcutta or to this office.

Members will be pleased to learn that Her Excellency Lady Jackson has graciously consented to be present at our annual prize distribution and to give away the prizes, and, as this is the last year that Her Excellency will be with us it is up to our members to show their appreciation of the great interest H. E. has taken in furthering the poultry industry and to rally round Her Excellency and give her a rousing farewell.

Lady Jackson has now presided at no less than three of our Annual shows which in itself constitutes a record.

We are also pleased to announce that H. E. Sir Stanley Jackson has presented a cup as a farewell gift to the Club and this will be allotted to the "Best bird from Bengal" opposite sex to the "Lytton" Challenge Cup.

On another page under the heading "Exhibition Items" we publish a few items of interest to persons wishing to purchase stock, exhibitors unable to attend the show themselves and general information regarding the forthcoming All India which all readers should note carefully.

While it not our policy to ridicule the novice to the fancy but to do all we can to help them to become interested and educated to the art of poultry keeping and breeding we cannot but give an extract from a letter received by, to our knowledge, no less than three well known poultry breeders and handed on to us by them for perusal. It comes from an Indian newcomer to the fancy and almost identically in all three letters perused by us reads as follows. "Please let me know the price of eggs of White Leghorn hen, 2 cock eggs and 2 hen eggs."

We are sorry to have to remark that at the time of going to press the Show fund has not met with the response we expected it would do and members are earnestly asked to send in donations as early as possible. The Annual All India Exhibition costs over Rs. 1500/- to stage and successfully run and to date the total has only reached Rs. 400/-. Don't hesitate but even if it is only one rupee send it along.

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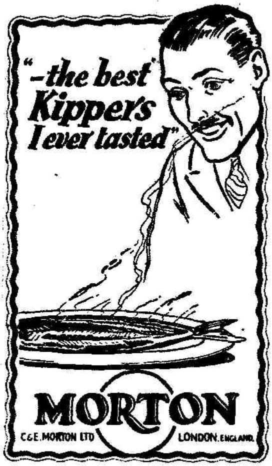

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show their appreciation of the Club's assistance by offering a small donation toward the show fund they remain silent and leave it to a small band of about ten keen members to bear the whole strain of organisation and finance.

When we publish the final list of those who have done their bit toward the success of the Exhibition are you going to let it be noted that your name is missing ?

Under the heading "Letters to the Editor" we publish the correspondence that has passed between Mr. K. M. Nair of Trivandrum and ourselves regarding the hatching and egg size of some R. I. Red eggs purchased by him from Mr. A. C. Bullmore of Madras and would draw member's attention to it.

While we desire to give the seller the benefit of the doubt we would earnestly point out to readers and members that the Indian Poultry Club stands for fair dealing and if a member is proved to have departed from our Club rules then we have no use for that member as a member of our Club.

We are determined to see that our members act justly and are acted justly by in dealings with other Club members and without fear or favour we shall make it a strong point of dealing with all matters of this nature and make them publicly known to readers of the Gazette.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

Stating Poultry Farming.

To-day we are writing for the benefit, not so much of beginners, as of those people who have not yet begun poultry farming. We gather from letters we receive, that there are quite a numerous gathering of people standing on the verge of poultry keeping, and debating whether or not to take the final plunge. The keeping of poultry is, we think, unique, in that once we start, we become slaves of the habit. We know of no industry which raises such a burning enthusiasm as does poultry keeping. When asked once by a youth if we thought he would be well advised to go into poultry as a livelihood, we said, "if you are really keen on poultry keeping and the life, we can think of nothing better, otherwise, leave it alone. Again and again we have seen people take up poultry in a half-hearted manner, get gripped by its unexplainable lure, plunge into it with all four paws, and then the galmour worn off, spend much of the remainder of their lives trying to get rid of the chicken and their other commitments. That is, we think, the chief danger with poultry keeping, that we are liable to go into it with more precipitancy than consideration. When once we have taken it up, we find it as difficult as any other industry to get out of, without loss.

"Does poultry farming pay ?" is a favourite question we get from beginners. Well it does if properly carried out, and pays well. For proof of that we have but to consider the number of people poultry farming, and the immense value of their products. If an industry such as this does not pay, people rapidly go out of it, until there is no industry left. For the labour and brainwork involved, and money invested, poultry keeping compares favourably with any other industry, and is in a considerably more advantageous position than many industries to-day. To make money from poultry keeping requires three essentials :—

1. An adequate amount of capital.
2. A specialised knowledge of the subject.
3. Hard work and an organising ability.

Each of these three essentials is equally important, and unless one possesses, or is willing to acquire all of them, it is useless going into poultry farming with the object of making a living.

Let us consider each of these essentials in turn. By "adequate" amount of capital we mean about Rs. 5000/- if the chickens have to support the farmer from the start. If, of course, he has a private income, on which to live, while he is building up his farm, then he can start with a considerably smaller sum. Again and again we get letters from people wanting to know if they can start a chicken farm with from Rs. 500/- we advise them to wait until they have more capital, or at least a small weekly income, on which to live while they are raising their stock. The amount of capital on which it is possible to start must depend to a considerable extent, upon each person's views as to what constitutes a living, and upon how much a week they can live while the farm

is in the making. Then again the question arises as to what constitutes a living. A working man is oftentimes quite contented if his poultry farm when matured, yields him Rs. 50/- per week. Other types of people require much larger sums upon which to live. We know, personally, of one man who is trying to find some other occupation, as he does not consider his poultry pays him enough to live on. He makes a profit of about Rs. 4000/- per year, but his tastes are such that he does not call it enough. These, and other considerations make it difficult to fix the minimum amount of capital with which it is safe to start out in poultry farming. Individual tastes, standards of living, efficiency and luck, do influence such estimated figures to a vast extent. Generally speaking, however, we should not advise the average person to take up poultry farming with a smaller capital than Rs. 5000/- unless he or she has private means in addition.

The next essential we come to is "A specialised knowledge of the subject." This can always be acquired. Easy as it is now to get sound and disinterested technical advice, there still remains the necessity to have some practical knowledge in addition. This can be acquired, either by starting in a small way and learning as the plant develops, or by going for six months or a year on to a good poultry farm. Unless we are in no hurry, the latter method of getting practical knowledge is the better, and well worth the premium it is necessary to pay for tuition on the best farms.

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The third essential is "Hard work and an organising ability." We can summarise this up into the one phrase, "personal element". In this industry there is nothing which has so much to do with success as this personal element. On it hangs the ultimate success of the venture. To explain what it is would require volumes, and still not do it adequately. Perhaps it can best be summarised as "Enthusiasm, concentration, energy."

We will not waste your time or our time going into the question of hard work. Few, if any, of us like it, but everyone is capable of it when necessity drives. Poultry keeping is one such necessity, and calls for no end of hard work, which is perhaps one of the reasons why enthusiasm is so necessary.

PREPARING FOR THE SHOWS.

(By Geo. Howard, "Sperrin" Poultry Farm Langley, Hitchin, Herts).

Judging from the report on recent shows held in India some remarks on the preparation of poultry for shows will perhaps not be amiss. In the first place we will deal with birds bred in India or Burma. First of all a great deal depends upon whether intended exhibits were hatched at the most suitable time for a particular show, and much more depends upon the treatment exhibits have received since they were hatched. A cockerel is in his prime when he has completed his adult plumage, with a nice full tail complete in all respects including sickles and saddle hackles. At such a time his head points also will be at their best. A cockerel does not and cannot be expected to remain absolutely in its prime for long; some last longer than others but on the average their is a slight falling off after about a month. A pullet of practically all breeds never looks better than on the day she lays her first egg; more especially does this apply to breeds such as Minorcas and Leghorns. The time it takes a cockerel to reach his full adult plumage or a pullet to lay her first egg is dependent upon many things, such as environment, feeding, climate and, of course, the breed and the particular strain of a breed. We cannot help you much on this point in a short article, but you should have a rough idea of the period required in your own case to bring your cockerels and pullets along to their best form. When in India we looked forward to two shows, one at Simla about October and then the All India about the middle of December, and we always had birds bred so as to be in their prime round about the time for those two shows. We rarely won well at the All India with a bird that had won a couple of months before at Simla, but we remember several birds being lowly placed at Simla on account of immaturity but which won well later at the All India. We therefore consider that the first big thing to bear in mind in preparation for shows is to hatch at the right time. Having done this, treat your chicks which are later to win for you as cockerels or pullets as well as you can in all respects. Get the sexes separated as soon as possible if this can conveniently be done but they will be better left running together for a time unless ample room can be given to both sexes

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and the cockerels penned right away from the pullets. They should however be separated when they begin to drop their chicken feathers and grow their adult plumage. If left running with the cockerels the plumage of the pullets will, to say the least, not be improved, while the cockerels also will not improve their show condition by the constant fighting for the affection of the pullets. If any choice specimens appear to be a bit more backward than desired, try a liberal feed each day of bread and milk ; in fact a daily feed of this will do more good than harm to all the intended exhibits for about a week previous to the show. This feed can be given while the exhibits are being trained in pens so that they will show *to advantage on the day of the show*. For at least a week they should be penned for an hour or so daily *in separate pens that approach as near as possible*, the dimensions and appearance of show pens. Get them used to a judging stick and to walk round the pen as though they owned it and are proud of it. Get them used to being handled, and as tame as possible so tame in fact that they will come to the front of the pen and as good as ask the judge if he does not think there is nothing in the show to compare with them. Get both cockerels and pullets talking to you. With even the wildest of birds perseverence *will* work wonders. The bird has not yet been hatched that will not yield to proper training in the pen. And, two days before the show, wash thoroughly all the white plumaged birds. A whole article could be devoted to this item alone, but in brief the main thing to bear in mind are to have about four changes of *soft water handy, the first to be hot and in which* the bird should be well lathered with a soap similar to Lux, taking care first of all to saturate every feather ; work the soap well in and then rinse as much as possible when the dirt should come out with the soap. Then rinse again in a second tub of water, this time the water not being so hot. A rinsing in a third tub with the water just tepid should do the trick although many like to use a fourth tub, this being quite cold and, for white birds, with just a dip of the blue bag. The blue bag is often overdone to the detriment of the bird's chances at the show, and if in doubt leave it alone. The day before the show all birds should have their legs, feet and heads well washed, all signs of dirt being removed from under the scales of the legs and toes. Legs can then be polished with a little olive oil, and a little of this rubbed into the comb and wattles is useful, although there are many recipes *and preparations* used for the comb and wattles. Some use plain vinegar which is useful if applied on the morning of the show, while others use a mixture of olive oil, turpentine and vinegar. Whatever you use to brighten the comb and wattles use it sparingly and remove all trace of it with a clean rag as soon as *applied. After all, if in the pink of condition a good washing with soap and water is all that is really* required.

Now a few words on imported birds. A question I am constantly being asked is *when is the best time* to import birds from England to India or Burma. If the birds are required for show purposes my reply always is to import at such a time that the birds arrive at the port as near as possible to the day of

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Condition is a most important factor in the show pen. The best of condition will not make a poor bird fit to compete against a really good one, but now-a-days competition is keen and often there is little to choose between several birds when it comes to the awarding of last prizes and challenge cups, and it is here that condition so often tells, for or against the exhibit, and if the verdict should happen to be against the exhibit you own you should not blame the judge or try and fault the winner. Blame yourself.

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This year we are pleased to announce the following arrangements have been made with a view to assisting competitors from a long distance and our thanks are due to the gentlemen who have so kindly offered their co-operation.

From South India Mr. Rockwood of the Coles Memorial High School, Kurnool. S. I. will be travelling up to the show and any intending exhibitors wishing to send their birds can be assured that their entrants will receive good care if sent up in his charge. They should get into touch with Mr. Rockwood with regard to the train he will be coming up by and arrange at what point their birds will be picked up by his train so that he can see to their welfare.

From the province of Assam birds for the show should be sent *via* Chandpur (Hill Tippera) when they will be personally seen through on steamer and train by Mr. A. O. Foden and senders of birds should communicate with him C/o. this office for information as to the time of sending and route instructions. This also applies to birds from S. E. Bengal travelling *via* Narayangunge and Goalundo.

From the U. Provinces Mr. Eatwell will, it is hoped, be travelling to the show and will be pleased to look to the welfare of any birds sent down *via* the train on which he travels. His address will be found in the supplement sent out with the September Gazette.

Mr. Slater or his representative will be coming down from the Etah district of the U. P. and they will no doubt help intending exhibitors on their route.

Labelling of crates.

Senders of birds should make sure that the crate is labelled with the sender's name that cannot be detached and will be easily readable as if this is not done it means added work for the show stewards and also probable delay in returning if not loss. It is noteworthy that a crate of birds has not for many years been lost but that does not mean that your birds may not if not properly labelled.

Free return vouchers will be sent out to all exhibitors sending by rail to the show which same vouchers will be sent out at the same time as the numbered legbands of entries.

Sales and purchases at the show.

For the convenience of persons who wish to purchase good birds and at reasonable prices and are unable to visit the show themselves it has been arranged this year that a representative sub-committee of three or four reliable poultry experts, members of the Club have consented to act on behalf of intending purchasers of stock to ensure a purchaser getting value for his money and no inferior stock and it is hoped that those wishing to obtain good birds will avail themselves of this chance. So many letters are received by us of people purchasing stock from an unknown seller through the medium of a paper which cannot guarantee a sound deal as the Club can and it has led us to offer intending purchasers this opportunity. The Committee will consist of such members as Mr. Slater, Mr. Grain, Mr. Foden and Mr. Yule, all of whom are specialists in one or more of the breeds mostly in demand and can be relied on to see that purchasers get value.

Members wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity should write in to this office stating requirements and maximum price they wish to pay, sending a remittance to cover same, which will be returned after the show if the Committee are unable to select birds to meet the purchaser's requirements.

To sellers who send birds for competition and subsequent sale we have arranged this year to hold an auction of unsold birds at the end of the show and those exhibitors who would wish to dispose of their birds through the medium of this auction should attach a note to their entry forms stating 'If unsold may be put up to auction at termination of the show' stating reserve price if any and these birds will then be put under the hammer and if sold the proceeds sent off to the seller by M. O.

Awards at Exhibition.

To non-attending exhibitors who wish to know at once if their birds are amongst the winners the show Committee will be pleased to arrange to wire the results on receipt of an addressed telegraph form and the amount of R. 1/- to cover cost of the wire. These should be sent to the Hon. Club Secretary at this office.

Members or competitors wishing for further information regarding the All India Exhibition should communicate with their provincial Committee member (given in the September Supplement) or to the Hon. Show Secretary or this office.

Lastly members wishing to put forward any items for the Annual General meeting to be held on Sunday 13th December at 10 am. on the Exhibition ground should submit same to the Hon. Secretary any time up to the End of November.

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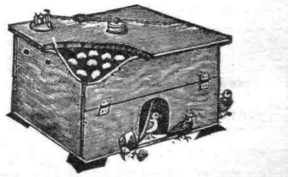

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PRACTICAL ADVICE TO POULTRY KEEPERS.

Some hints on selection of eggs and incubation.

Avoid setting freak and misshapen eggs, those with an uneven surface or poor texture shell. Aim at the selection of good sound shelled eggs of from 2 to 2¼ ozs.

Good results will not be obtained from eggs that have been standing for more than 7 to 8 days. In artificial hatching an egg that is older than 4 days should not be used unless you are in a hill station of a very moderate temperature when stored eggs will in most cases retain their vitality a little longer.

In natural hatching do not make the mistake of leaving everything to the hen. See she gets off daily at a regular time and has a good feed of grain and a drink and also attents to the calls of nature or a hen with a dirty soiled nest and eggs rarely brings off a good brood.

While the hen is off examine the eggs, see none are broken or dirty and in the case of dirty ones clean gently with a warm wet cloth. Make sure your hen is a contented one, has no lice or ticks on her or if she is worried by these pests she will be restless and the hatch will suffer.

The best kind of vermin proof nest is one composed of a top layer of tobacco leaf.

From the 19th day onward leave the hen alone and do not keep poking underneath her to see how many chicks are out.

When multiple hens are used test out on 7th day discarding all clears and addled eggs and rearrange your sitters by transferring eggs so as to do away with an extra hen or so if possible.

It is a good plan to test out both on 7th and 15th day and for the novice testing is not the difficult job you think it. Read up about it in a good book and then experiment with desi eggs.

For the amateur trying his hand at an incubator for the first time first choose a quiet cool spot where, if possible, the sun's rays do not reach during the day so as to heat the room up and cool it again quickly once the sun sets.

Make sure your machine is level. Do this with a spirit level.

Once your machine is ready to take the good eggs do not put them in and raise the temperature too quick. From the time you put the eggs in till the machine reaches 103 twelve hours should elapse.

Machines brought to incubation heat too quickly are very often responsible for many broken yolks and addled eggs between the 1st and 5th day.

Pay particular attention to the maker's advice regarding cooling and turning. Too much cooling is usually responsible for a big crop of dead in shell. Pay attention to the moisture device and see this is always kept full of water.

Do not think that the temparature in the corner of the egg drawer is the same as the centre, it is not and may very as much as three degrees in a small machine so that in turning eggs those from the centre should be moved to the sides, etc., etc.

Test out on 7th and 15th day the same as when natural hatching discarding clears and addled eggs so as to allow of the remainder getting nearer to the centre and obtaining steady heat.

Stop turning after the 18th day and then do not open the drawer again till the hatch is well on.

It is better to start the machine off on a low temperature and increase by a degree per week in the cases of most hot air machines starting at about 103 and working up to about 104½ to 105.

Lastly only in exceptional cases attempt to help a chick out of the shell. If it is unable to extract itself it is usually weak—and and not worth rearing.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,

I request you to take the following as a query *to answer in your journal.*

On the 29th May I got a few eggs from Mr. Bullmore of Madras and as instructed I rested the eggs on their small ends downward from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. the next day. On 30th at 4-30 p.m. they were set under the hen. The hen was carefully selected and she was a good sitter and has hatched out two previous sittings.

The nest was prepared from an old seed pan about 24" in diameter and lined with earth pressed down and had a saucer shape hollow in the centre for the eggs. over this a fine layer of dried wood ash was placed and the whole was covered with finely cut straw on which the eggs were placed and the hen sat.

It is now more than 21 days and no result yet. I do not see any defect in the hen or sitting. The hen was let off daily and fed good grain to eat and fresh water.

The eggs when weighed before sitting weighed only one ounce each which I think is contrary to the theory that they should weigh 2 ozs. or more according to Mrs. Fawkes book.

The eggs were R. I. Red. To find out about this I wrote to the sender as to why they looked so small and weighed only one ounce each but to my surprise I got no reply. previous to this he was prompt answering letters so I again wrote him yesterday.

Will you please give me some tips about this failure.

Yours faithfully.

(Signed) K. M. NAIR, G.B.V.C.D.

Trivandrum 24th July.

DEAR SIR,

Concerning your query of 24th July 1931 as it is addressed to the Hon. Editor our Mr. Foden is himself answering it as the August Gazette now being almost ready you would not get a reply till September.

1. Your method of procedure with the eggs was correct.
2. The nest was apparently quite satisfactory, and
3. The hen apparently did her duty quite allright.

We can only suggest that the fault would be in the fertility of the eggs or perhaps they were subjected to shocks unknown to you.

In any case at the end of the 7th day you should have tested, which is easiest done with a pocket torch at night and this shined through the egg would have shown if incubation was taking place.

With regard to egg size we cannot conceive how a party like Mr. Bullmore would sell you eggs supposed to be R. I. Red if they weighed only one ounce each.

No poultry farmer that had any idea of keeping his name before the public would dare to sell you a R. I. Red egg for hatching under 2 ozs. in weight and we suggest you take this up strongly with the seller.

Yours faithfully,

A. O. FODEN,

Hon. Editor.

SIR,

As suggested by you in your letter of 30th July 1931 regarding the question of hatching eggs supplied by Mr. Bullmore.

I repeat the same again. I ordered a few eggs from the above mentioned firm on 29th June and on arrival I set them according to instructions contained in the enclosed instruction slip.

The details of sitting I have mentioned in my letter of 24th July.

Please refer to your reply to me on 30th July 1931 as regards the method of sitting. etc.

From the foregoing remarks of yours I strongly pressed the matter of the size of the eggs to the seller but to my surprise he is perfectly silent over the matter.

Immediately on arrival of the eggs I weighed them as the size was very small and to my surprise they weighed only one ounce and some slightly more than this but none weighed two ounces or near about.

I want you to take this matter up in the Indian Poultry Club and request you to take my letter of 24th July for your official information and please do the needful by publishing this short of unfair dealing of the firm.

The silence of the matter of the size of the eggs is suspicious about the guilt.

I am sending you one of his eggs with his hall mark "Special Pen, Rhode Island Red" for your inspection and judging.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) K. M. NAIR, G.B.V.C.D.

Trivandrum 3rd September.

DEAR SIR,

We beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of 3rd instant and as requested advise you we are printing a copy of the correspondence in the October Gazette.

Yours faithfully,

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THIS BALANCED RATION DOPE.

DEAR SIR,

Month by month the Contributors to the Gazette—both Indian and English keep on telling the readers that the Poultry Food must be balanced. They go a step further and advise them to give the—Poultry different kinds of foods according to age and purpose, *e.g.* chicken mash, growing mash, laying mash, fattening mash, etc. Very right, no doubt. But all your Contributors seem mighty reticent on how these mashes are made and English contributors sometimes *gives practical hints on the subject. Fat lot of good* these are for Indian conditions.

The subject of Poultry food may be supposed to be divided into two broad divisions—the home made *mash and mash and the patent food.* What the readers of the Gazette in General and I in particular would very much appreciate is a series of articles by experienced poultry *breeders in India.* Breeders who mix their own mash could begin straight away thus :—"I mix the mashes myself. I take such and such ingredients in such and such proportions for such and *such purpose. Please notice that all the grains and* things are procurable in India. (In case of difficulty write to me privately.) The feeding routine is such and such. *Cost of feed so much per bird per month.*" Breeders who use the ready made mash, or half ready mash could begin thus :—"I use Blank's food. I follow the printed instructions faithfully, or I modify the feeds thus. Cost so much per bird per month."

As people may have their own ideas on feeding, different to others, to articles of each kind, preferably three would provide a variety of foods for novices to choose from. Such articles would be a whole lot more helpful than simply saying, "Give the Poultry a Balanced Ration."

Yours truly,

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How peaceful it was to lie in the long-arm chair on the verandah snug amongst the soft warm cushions. The crashing and splintering of the compound gate suddenly broke the stillness of the silent, perfect night. Two dark menacing figures hurriedly staggered along the pathway ; one a huge massive outline, the other thin and bent.

"Why don't you get a light on the *scene?*" *Came* a mighty roar "How many more times am I to tell you about it ?" It was Mrs. Bloger—*my dear* affectionate Mother-in-law.

"Bring a light quickly, quickly" piped another voice "my false teeth have dropped out". This was Grandma, of course.

"Welcome to the Bubble de Squeak Poultry Farm, dear Mother-in-law and dear Grandma" I said, bringing out the Aladdin lamp "we are indeed delighted to see you, aren't we, Honeysuckle?"

The loving greetings of our long-lost relatives whom we had not seen since tiffin time were soon over, and Mrs. Bloger took command of the situation around the dining room table without ceremony.

"Well, what about the entry forms for Egbert for the Calcutta Poultry Exhibition?" she demanded.

"By Jove, dear Mother-in-law, as usual, you are correct" I admitted "Where are the forms, Honeysuckle, and we will fill them up up tonight."

"Here they are, all ready for you."

"*Good*" *I replied* "*Now then, if you ladies will* be seated, we may be able to fill in the entries correctly. Lets start off. Entrance fee two rupees. Have we two rupees in the world, Honeysuckle ? Good. Hello, whats this ? 'All eggs laid at the show will be given to the hospitals'. Hum, that seems alright. Now then, about the class—er, what is Egbert,. By the way ?"

"A chicken, of course," said Grandma.

Yes, yes, but what kind of a chicken is it ? Is it an Ancona, or an Andalusian, or an Australorp ?"

"Oh, I don't like any of those names, do you Mother ?" Asked Honeysuckle.

"No, none of them seem to suit Egbert. Whats" this—Barnevelder. No, thats not a nice name" said Mrs. Bloger "Faverolle,—that sounds nice, don't you think ?"

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"Look, look" cried Honeysuckle, excitedly "Here it is—Sicilian Buttercup. Isn't that sweet ?"

"How romantic that sounds" cooed Mrs. Bloger "Egbert—the Sicilian Buttercup. Just like one of Charles Garvices novels ! Yes, that suits dear Egbert, How clever of you, Honeysuckle."

"Seems a regular nice name to me" said Grandma, *firmly replacing her teeth* "Yes, *put that down*, Bubbles""

"Right. Now about the Cups, what-oh. We shall have to order a new sideboard, Honeysuckle. We will put Egbert in for H. E. the Viceroy's cup, of course."

"Of course" chorused everybody.

"The schedule doesn't say whether this will be a *six furlong or an eight furlong race*" I said carefully scanning the paper.

"I really don't think that poor Egbert could run all that distance" said Honeysuckle, wistfully.

"Well, put her in for it, any way" said Grandma "I expect that the owners will be allowed to shoo the hens around the course? You can get into training, Bubbles."

"Rather" I agreed "Egbert and I will start training tomorrow morning in the compound. What about the owners colours? Who wears them—me or Egbert?"

"You had better write to Mr. Yule or Mr. Foden about that, Bubbles. They like answering questions like that" said Honeysuckle.

"Pity we can't enter any eggs in the competition I said mournfully.

"Why didn't you buy those two cock-eggs this morning when you had the chance?" Barked Mrs. Bloger.

"They wouldn't have kept fresh" I explained, of course Mrs. Bloger isn't a poultry expert like myself. "Now then 'Price,' if for sale." What would you value Egbert at? Eight annas?"

"What" roared Mrs. Bloger "Eight annas for darling Egbert?"

"Bubbles !" wept Honeysuckle.

"Eh? Eh?" piped Grandma, holding her front teeth.

"The cheek" yelled Mrs. Bloger "Smash him".

"Mrs. Bloger's *umbrella came down on my poor* bald head with a sickening thud. Grandma lifted the heavy family photo album and hit me in the chest. *Once on the floor, the dining room table quickly* descended on to me, followed by the chairs, settee, three almirahs, and finally the best tea set.

It took me two hours to disentangle myself from the heap of furniture, and slowly I crawled to the welcome cushions of the long-arm chair. Honeysuckle had already gone home with her tenderhearted Mother and Grandma.

Early this morning Egbert and I started training for H. E. the Viceroy's Cup. How my poor back ached. The compound is not very long, and I can see that it is going to be very hard work to teach Egbert to run in straight line.

The Most Difficult Point of all.

There is no end to the acquirement of knowledge in the wide field of work which poultry keeping in its various branches covers. No poultry keeper, however much knowledge he may possess, has learnt everything on the subject, but he can still learn.

One point, however, stands out beyond *all* others in connection with poultry keeping as the most difficult of all to be learnt throughly, if, indeed, it can ever be really mastered and capably done. In conversation with the manager of a large poultry farm not long ago, the writer asked the question : "What is the most difficult point of all in poultry work ?" And the answer was "Feeding."

And surely this is the greatest difficulty with most poultry keepers, and yet it is a most important point, and one of the essentials in successful work. Good feeders are few and far between, and they seem rather to be born, and not made. Some err in one way, some in another, and very few go on right lines and feed properly. Still, this need not lead amateurs to despair.

"Practice makes perfect, and all can improve *themselves in the work of feeding by giving the matter* greater study and care. Let the difficulty be faced with a will and a determination that it shall be conquered, and much may be done to gain a mastery over the poultry keeper's hardest task."

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Letters should be addressed—BUFF ROCK, C/o. The Hon. Editor, I. P. GAZETTE and marked "Query".

Where readers desire an individual reply they should enclose a stamped addressed envelope and a fee of As. -/8/- is charged.

Mr. D. Simla. Your mash formula is a very good one and I would not advise you to alter it until the colder weather sets in then I think the only alteration needed is to increase the amount of maize meal by 1 part and the meat meal by ½ part to the total at present given. As the birds are on grass I do not think the articles given in your last para. are necessary.

Mrs. G. Calcutta. The reason of the small eggs is that the birds came into lay too young and I am afraid you will never get really large eggs from them now though they will soon stop for a short while and start off again with a slightly larger egg. It is difficult to maintain a large egg standard in India as the heat matures the birds too early but we can try our best to retard laying as long as possible and then usually a larger egg is the result.

Mr. T. Asansol. I am afraid the seller is either ignorant or has sold you a bird under false pretences. A minorca has, as I told you last month, greyish to black legs and not yellow. As the legs are yellow it is either a black Leghorn or possibly a desi cross. If you wish to set your mind at rest definitely you might rail the bird to me and I will advise you what exactly it is likely to be.

Mr. H. Madarihat. I quite agree with what you say about battery brooding, it is of no use to the small man and in India it would not be a paying proposition as mortality which is about 20 % in England would reach enormous figures out here. I think it will be many years before anyone in India will attempt to undertake this. As regards your second question I should advise you to start off about the end of October. Your ground will accommodate from 100 to 120 adults only.

Mr. L. Arcot. A Rhode Island-Desi, first cross you will find will turn out on average quite good layers and the females usually make good sitters. I would advise you to consign all males from the cross to the table and not to breed from this cross at all. You could mate hens from the cross that are layers of fair size eggs back to a Rhode Island male giving you ¾—¼ blood and thus working back to the pure but you will find the first cross the best. An average size egg from the cross would be slightly over 1 ½ ozs. and varying from slight tint to deep brown.

Mr. F. Sudaya. The trouble with your poor producing birds is undoubtedly the result of incorrect and poor feeding. Rice bran and water as a mash seems to me a wonder the birds ever laid an egg at all. And for grain a feed of paddy is again rice and rice bran so the poor things have existed on rice and water only. Will you write to me and give me a list of the foodstuffs (grain) you can obtain locally, also meals such as ata, sutu, etc., and I will try and map out a menu that will put your birds in condition and if they are likely to lay at all will produce eggs for you.

Mr. P. Budge Budge. This question is really outside my province and you should communicate with the Hony. Secretary but I am able to give you the information you require. Being purely a subscriber to the Gazette does not entitle you to Club privileges and to avail yourself of these at the forth coming shows you should apply for membership to the Club. Being as you are so near to Calcutta your subscription alone will cover cost of admission to shows, etc., and give you much more scope in closed competition for the many cups, etc. Did you not read our editor's notice in the Gazette some 2 months ago?

Mr. B. Kalimpong. I should not take any notice of that institution as from observations from members and others living in the vicinity I am sure poultry will do well. I know of many in Darjeeling that are progressing with their birds and I should advise you not to hesitate but go in for it in a small way and gain experience. Of the breeds I would suggest Leghorns, Minorcas, R. I. Reds or Sussex. The Chittagong is not a layer, it is a passable table bird but in its present state of development I should not advise you to waste time or money on it as a paying proposition. Postal replies forwarded to Messrs. Weir, Hurst, Biswas and Mrs. Rogers.

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